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1. [] PSB, called to state that PSB Director, [] was planning an informal meeting with Senator McMahon to determine the Senator's interests in the Board and its work. [] also stated that on the basis of my recommendation, it has been determined that all their legislative problems should be centralized in one readily available person and that their Administrative Officer, Mr. Charles [] would handle the legislative matters for the Board. He stated, however, that Deputy Director, [] would also be available for legislative problems.

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2. Mr. Houston, Col. Hansen and I met with [] and [] of I&S, regarding a confidential matter of the FBI which desired to borrow certain former OSS records. Although the Bureau has requested that knowledge of this matter be restricted to as few people as possible, it was felt that the supplying of the records should be cleared through DD/A.

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3. Mr. Hedden discussed with me the background regarding the necessity of producing an affidavit in the perjury trial of [] and he and Mr. Houston plan to discuss the matter with Mr. Vanech, Assistant Attorney General, in an attempt to secure a stipulation of the facts which would make affidavits for Mr. Houston and myself unnecessary.

4. At the request of Mr. Roger Jones of the Bureau of the Budget, I called Mr. Joseph Winslow, Assistant Executive Director of the Civil Service Commission, and informed him of the need for exemption from the Performance Rating Act of 1950 if an agreement could not be reached with the Commission. Mr. Winslow promised to look into the matter immediately and call us for any further information or conferences that might be necessary.

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5. [] Legislative Officer for PSB, informed Mr. Pforzheimer that he planned to discuss the PSB budget situation in conjunction with Mr. Saunders, CIA Comptroller, with George Harvey of the House Appropriations Committee in the near future. He also informed me that Mr. Tannenwald, Assistant Director and Counsel for the Mutual Security Agency, was informing Congressman Kersten of proposed plans for the initial expenditure of funds under the "Kersten Amendment" to the Mutual Security Act of 1951. [] also stated that whereas the Board had indicated that they proposed to invite Senator McMahon to an informal Board meeting to discuss their activities, this proposal seems to have been set back by the DCI's comments to [] that all such problems should be handled by the Director of the Board rather than its Chairman. Mr. [] requested that I sound out the DCI on this matter and I have suggested that the matter come up at the next Board meeting rather than attempt to change the Director's mind at this time.

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